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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

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Re: Application of Kazumi NAITO and Nobuyuki NAGATO
NIOBIUM POWDER FOR CAPACITOR, SINTERED BODY THEREOF AND
CAPACITOR USING THE SINTERED BODY
Assignee: **SHOWA DENKO K.K.**
Our Ref: Q78483

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 10/182,205 (Confirmation No. 4990) filed July 26, 2002 of Kazumi NAITO and Nobuyuki NAGATO entitled NIOBIUM POWDER FOR CAPACITOR, SINTERED BODY THEREOF AND CAPACITOR USING THE SINTERED BODY, which is a 371 of PCT Application No. PCT/JP01/010486 filed November 30, 2001, which claims benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/268,967 filed February 16, 2001, the above-noted applications incorporated herein by reference.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is thirty-one (31) pages of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and a Preliminary Amendment. Also enclosed is a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application, a copy of the Assignment, and an Information Disclosure Statement along with PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) (substitute for PTO Form 1449) listing references cited by the Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the prior application. Also enclosed is a copy of the sworn English translation of the Provisional Application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1742.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2000/366044	November 30, 2000
U.S.	60/268,967	February 16, 2001



Continuation Application of U.S. Application No. 10/182,205

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Receipt of the certified copy of the priority document (JP 2000/366044) was acknowledged in parent Application No. 10/182,205 (Paper No. 4).

The Government filing fee, after entry of the Preliminary Amendment, is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>16</u> - 20	=	<u> </u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u> </u>	\$0.00
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Base Fee								\$770.00


TOTAL FILING FEE								<u>\$770.00</u>
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A check for the statutory fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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